

have served on active duty to be interred at the cemetery. This bill will end the practice of granting waivers and legally clarify once and for all who may be buried at Arlington Cemetery.

Being laid to rest at Arlington is the last honor we can bestow upon our veterans. The Arlington National Cemetery Integrity Act will provide this honor for veterans for years and years to come.

#### THE CLINTON BUDGET: A RETURN TO BIG GOVERNMENT

(Mr. CHABOT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, remember when President Clinton told us that the era of big government is over? Well, apparently he has had a change of heart, because his latest budget proposal is a true monument to big government excess. Billions and billions and billions in new taxes, and billions and billions and billions in new Federal spending. So much for presidential promises, welcome back, big government.

This Congress cannot and will not accept a return to the tax and spend days of old. Because the taxpayers in 1994 installed a new majority in Congress, family income is up, interest rates are down, unemployment is down, and tax relief is finally on the way. And the budget will soon show a surplus for the first time in a generation. It is no time to turn back the clock.

Mr. Speaker, the President's budget completely ignores last year's balanced budget agreement by creating a variety of new spending programs and a host of new taxes. That is not what the taxpayers had in mind. Let us balance the budget. Let us cut taxes, let us do it now.

#### DEATH PENALTY

(Ms. NORTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, tonight Karla Faye Tucker may well be executed. But whether Ms. Tucker lives or dies, her case is making the country think more reflectively about the death penalty.

The moral bankruptcy of adopting death and violence to conquer death and violence has not been lost on our moral leaders, such as the Catholic Church, and the American people are beginning to appreciate the futility of execution. Given a choice, most people would choose life without parole, plus restitution to the victim's family, over the death penalty.

In the Senate, there is a bill that few Americans would condone to impose the death penalty on the District despite a referendum and a council vote to the contrary.

Karla Faye Tucker's Christian conversion has drawn her much support.

May her faith convert us all from selective Christianity when it comes to the death penalty.

#### AN ORDINARY HERO

(Mr. GUTKNECHT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, Ronald Reagan said, we all have the right to dream heroic dreams. Those who say we are in a time when there are no heroes just do not now where to look. We can see heroes every day going in and out of factory gates. Others, a handful of them, produce enough food to feed all of us and then the world beyond. We meet heroes across the counter and they are on both sides of that counter. They are entrepreneurs with faith in themselves and faith in a new idea who create jobs, new wealth, new opportunity. They are individuals and families whose taxes support the government and whose voluntary gifts support church, charity, art and education. Their patriotism is quiet, but deep. Their values sustain our national life.

Mr. Speaker, Ronald Reagan believed in us, in our capacity to perform great deeds. He was the American President in the American century. It is altogether fitting that we rename our National Airport after him.

#### THE AMERICAN DREAM FOR ALL

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am not sure if my colleagues on the other side of the aisle heard the same message that I heard and the American people heard at the State of the Union, and as well, at the budget presentation that was made by the President just yesterday; that is, that we have the first balanced budget in the history of this Nation in the last 30 years.

In addition, let me offer to say to my colleagues that the point is how the American people perceive the next decade and the 21st century. Are my colleagues to tell me that the American people do not want real, viable and trustworthy child care; that we are not suffering from the crumbling schools around the Nation; that we do not want to emphasize education and opportunities for higher education for those moving from welfare to work? I think not.

Mr. Speaker, a 79 percent approval rating after the State of the Union indicates that the American people want action. Yes, they want a balanced budget, but they also want to go into the future, standing tall. They want an increase in the minimum wage. Yes, they want the same things that those who make \$200,000 and up have in this country. They want the American dream.

So I say to my colleagues, follow the American people, and if you cannot, get out of the way, because we have a balanced budget and we have a vision for the 21st century.

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#### RENAMING NATIONAL AIRPORT FOR PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, former President Ronald Reagan never lobbied personally for his place in history. This kind of self-confident leadership style is often missed in Washington, today more than ever.

It is a travesty that partisan politics has entered into what should be a bipartisan tribute to this great man. Whether my colleagues agree or disagree with Ronald Reagan's philosophy, I doubt that anyone can question Reagan's great love for this Nation and his dedication to his role as the leader of the free world.

People from around the world visit our Nation's capital each year. We need to show them the enormous sense of pride that all America takes in honoring his legacy. In an era where partisan politics have so often replaced open and honest debate, the time has come to say enough is enough. For once, just once, let us put aside our egos and with this simple but grand gesture pay tribute to this great man who is so deserving.

I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 2625 when it comes before the House Floor tomorrow.

#### MEDICARE VENIPUNCTURE SENIORS PROTECTION ACT

(Mr. ADERHOLT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the Medicare Venipuncture Seniors Protection Act. This bill will delay the implementation of a section in the Balanced Budget Act which changes the Medicare coverage for venipuncture, or the drawing of blood.

By delaying the implementation of this provision for 18 months, we will be able to study the impact of this change on the elderly and the frail more closely. I fear that, without closer examination, we may make a rash decision which could be devastating to the health care needs of many of our country's seniors.

I fully support eliminating waste, fraud, and abuse from the Medicare program, but throwing the baby out with the bath water is not the answer, and that is exactly what the change in venipuncture coverage may do.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join with me in fighting to make sure